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Gentlemen:

It is an ideal objective in an ideal world to be able to control all the 'giants' in the industry, thus the ruling that Microsoft was a monopolist and has broken the law. That ruling, I believe, was intended to rein in Microsoft. However, that same ruling did produce an unintended result, i.e., it opened up a lot of grounds for uncalled for lawsuits.

As I have always stated, there should be a clear signpost on when a developing company has passed the stage wherein they are not anymore considered a developing company. Then, apply the rules of anti-competitive ruling to the fullest extent of the law. This is for control purposes, as far as the State is concerned. Without this clear 'signpost', we will always be penalizing highly successful companies, like Microsoft, when we deem them to be too successful to be feared. This method being applied to Microsoft now will only hurt all of us further. What we should be doing instead is setting up a clear groundwork for technological development, encouraging and rewarding market leadership and promoting healthy competition. I fear that if this is not resolved quickly, no company now will dare to become too successful for fear of being the next Microsoft, in terms of litigation.

Hope we can undo some of the harm already done.

Thank you,

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